# Caltrans, District 2

Cycling Guide for State Highways of Northern California









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### **Welcome to District 2**

This Guide is designed to give the cyclist an idea of what to expect while cycling in the northeastern counties of California, the area covered by California Department of Transportation, District 2.

District 2 extends from Trinity, Tehama, and Plumas counties northward through Shasta and Lassen counties to Siskiyou and Modoc counties on the border with Oregon. All of the State and U.S. Routes in these counties are open to cyclists except for a few designated sections which have alternate routes identified in this guide.

While cycling in District 2, you can expect to find yourself traveling through a variety of towns big and small. In the bigger towns, a cyclist can expect to find many services available such as stores, restaurants, hotels, and service stations. In the smaller towns, these services may be limited or non-existent. It is recommended that travelers plan ahead as they may encounter many miles of highway with few or no services. For your convenience, there is a list of Chambers of Commerce on the pages that follow to assist you in determining what services are available in each community.

While enjoying the 1200+ highway miles open to cyclists in District 2, you should be aware of certain hazards. On all highways other than I-5, a cyclist should expect to find paved shoulder widths anywhere from 0 to 8 feet, with 2 feet or less being most common. On I-5 a cyclist will encounter a 10-foot treated shoulder with rumblestrips. A rumblestrip is a grooved pattern, typically 12 to 18 inches wide, placed on the paved shoulder at the edge of a travel lane to alert drivers they are drifting from the travel lane.

Please be prepared while cycling in District 2 for potentially wide variations and/or rapid changes in weather conditions. The temperature can vary from over 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the Sacramento Valley to below freezing in the mountains, even in the summer. Rain, wind, snow, and other conditions can all be encountered during the same ride depending on the time of year.

The terrain in District 2 ranges from flat valley land, to rolling foothills, to mountainous areas with grades of 6 % or more. Profile maps are included in this cycle guide to help you assess the difficulty of a route and determine items you should take on your trip while cycling in District 2.

The State of California, counties, cities, and the communities over whose facilities you may travel, are not responsible or intended herein as to the safety or fitness of the routes where bicycle travel is allowed.

We hope you enjoy cycling in District 2 and welcome any comments you may have in how cycling here can be improved.

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## Laws Pertaining to the Operation of a Bicycle All excerpts taken from California Vehicle Code sections 21200-21212. Some sections of the law

have been reworded or abbreviated.

#### Rights and Responsibilities:

Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

#### Brakes:

No person shall operate a bicycle on a roadway unless it is equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make one braked-wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

#### Handlebars:

No person shall operate on the highway any bicycle equipped with handlebars so raised that the operator must elevate their hands above the level of his shoulders in order to grasp the normal steering grip area.

#### Helmet:

A person under 18 years of age shall not operate a bicycle upon a street, bikeway, or any other public bicycle path or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet. This requirement also applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or trailer towed by a bicycle.

#### Bicycle Size:

No person shall operate upon any highway a bicycle which is of such a size as to prevent the operator from safely stopping the bicycle, supporting it in an upright position with at least one foot on the ground, and restarting it in a safe manner.

#### Lights and Reflectors:

Every bike operated upon any highway during darkness shall be equipped (1) with a lamp emitting a white light which, while the bicycle is in motion, illuminates the highway in front of the bicyclist and is visible from a distance of 300 feet in front and from the sides of the bicycle; (2) with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a vehicle; (3) with a white or yellow reflector on each pedal visible from the front or rear of the bicycle from a distance of 200 feet; (4) with a white or yellow reflector on each side forward of the center of the bicycle, and a white or red reflector on each side to the rear of the center of the bicycle.

#### Two-Way Streets:

Any person operating a bicycle upon a highway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time shall ride as close as practical to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under any of the following situations:

- (1) When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- (2) When preparing for a left-turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
- (3) When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions (including but not limited to) fixed or moving objects, vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or lane widths that makes it unsafe to continue along right-hand curb or edge.

#### One-Way Streets:

Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway or a highway, which carries traffic in one direction and only has two or more marked traffic lanes, may ride as near to the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practical.

#### Bicycle Lanes:

Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway, any person operating a bicycle upon the roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction shall ride within the bicycle lane, except that such person may move out of the lane under any of the following situations:

- (1) When overtaking and passing another bicycle, vehicle or pedestrian within the lane or about to enter the lane if such overtaking and passing cannot be done safely in the lane.
- (2) When preparing for a left-turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
- (3) When reasonably necessary to leave the bicycle lane to avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.

No person operating a bicycle shall leave a bicycle lane until the movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after an appropriate signal in the event that any vehicle may be affected by the movement.

#### Hitching Rides:

No person operating a bicycle upon a highway shall attach the bicycle or themselves to any streetcar or vehicle on the roadway.

#### Riding on Seats:

No person operating a bicycle upon a highway shall ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular attached seat. No operator shall allow a person riding as a passenger, and no person shall ride as a passenger, on a bicycle upon a highway other than upon or astride a separate attached seat. If the passenger is a minor weighing 40 pounds or less, the seat shall have adequate provision for retaining the minor in place and for protecting the minor from moving parts of the bicycle.

#### Carrying Articles:

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

#### Hand Signals: (Please see diagram on page 5 of this Guide)

All required signals given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side in the following manner;

- Left-turn hand and arm extended horizontally beyond the side of the bicycle.
- (2) Right-turn hand and arm extended horizontally beyond the side of the bicycle except the right hand and arm may be extended horizontally to the right side of the bicycle.
- (3) Stop or sudden decrease in speed signal hand and arm extended downward beyond the side of the bicycle.

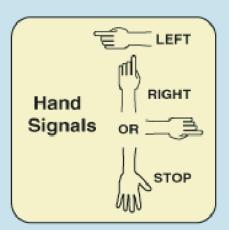
#### Parking:

No person shall leave a bicycle on its side on any sidewalk, or shall park a bicycle on a sidewalk in any position, so that there is not an adequate path for pedestrian traffic.



- Wear a helmet. It is the law for persons under 18 years of age.
- Ride with the traffic flow.
- Ride in a straight line and single file.
- Stop at stop signs and red lights.
- Use a light, reflectors, and reflective clothing during darkness.
- Wear bright clothing during daytime.
- Ride to the right if you are moving slower than other traffic, unless you are turning left, passing another bicycle or vehicle, or avoiding hazards.
- Keep a safe distance from parked cars.
- Use proper hand signals when turning, stopping, or changing lanes.
- Use extra caution when it is raining and allow extra time to stop.
- Cross railroad tracks at a right angle.
- Walk your bike when using a crosswalk.
- Do not wear headphones on both ears while riding.
- Keep your bike properly maintained, so it is safe.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages and ride.
- Please carry identification when riding.





## Caltrans Cycling Contacts www.dot.ca.gov/localoffice.htm

#### District 1

1656 Union Street P.O. Box 3700

Eureka, CA 95502-3770

Phone: (707) 445-6600

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District 2 SHASTA LASSEN

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Redding, CA 96049-6073 Phone: (530) 225-3426

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#### District 3

703 B Street P.O. Box 911

Marysville, CA 95901 Phone: (530) 741-4211

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#### District 4

111 Grand Avenue P.O. Box 23660

Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Phone: (510) 286-4444

#### District 5

50 Higuera Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5415

Phone: (805) 549-3111

#### District 6

1352 West Olive Avenue P.O. Box 12616

Fresno, CA 93778-2616 Phone: (559) 488-4020

#### District 7

120 South Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Phone: (213) 897-3656

#### District 8

464 West Fourth Street P.O. Box 231 San Bernadino, CA 92402 Phone: (909) 383-4561

#### District 9

500 South Main Street Bishop, CA 93514 Rhone: (760) 872-0601

#### District 10

1976 East Charter Way P.O. Box 2048 Stockton, CA 95201 Phone: (209) 948-7543

#### District 11

2829 Juan Street P.O. Box 85406 San Diego, CA 92186-5406 Phone: (619) 688-6785

#### District 12

3347 Michelson Drive Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92612 Phone: (949) 724-2000

## Chamber of Commerce Offices

#### **BUTTE COUNTY**

#### Chico

300 Salem Street Chico, CA 95928 (530) 891-5556 www.chicochamber.com

#### Oroville

1789 Montgomery Street Oroville, CA 95965 (530) 538-2542 www.orovillechamber.net

#### LASSEN COUNTY

#### **Lassen County**

84 N Lassen Street Susanville, CA 96130 (530) 257-4323 (530) 251-2561 www.lassencountychamber.org

#### Westwood

3rd & Birch Streets Westwood, CA 96137 (530) 256-2456 www.lassencountychamber.com

#### MODOC COUNTY

#### Adin

P.O. Box 327 Adin, CA 96006 (530) 299-3249

#### Alturas

522 S Main Street Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-4434 (530) 233-4434 www.alturaschamber.homestead.com

#### Greater Surprise Valley

P.O. Box 518 Cedarville, CA 96104 (530) 279-2001

#### PLUMAS COUNTY

#### Chester/Lake Almanor

529 Main Street Chester, CA 96020 (530) 258-2426 www.chester-lakealmanor.com.com

#### Eastern Plumas

424 East Sierra Portola, CA 96122 (530) 832-5444 www.easternplumaschamber.com

#### PLUMAS COUNTY

#### Indian Valley

408 Main Street Greenville, CA 95947 (530) 284-6633 www.indianvalley.net

#### Portola

73136 Highway 70 Portola, CA 96122 (530) 832-5444

#### Quincy

464 West Main Street Quincy, CA 95971 (530) 283-0188 (530) 283-5864 www.psln.com/qchamber

#### SHASTA COUNTY

#### Anderson

P.O. Box 1144 Anderson, CA 96007 (530) 365-8095 www.andersoncofc.com

#### Burney

P.O. Box 36 Burney, CA 96013 (530) 335-2111 burney@norcalis.net

#### Cottonwood

P.O. Box 584 Cottonwood, CA 96022 (530) 347-6800

#### **Fall River Mills**

43161 Main Street
Fall River Mills, CA 96028
(530) 336-5840
www.2chambers.com/fall\_river
\_mills%2c\_california.htm

#### Palo Cedro

P.O. Box 302 Palo Cedro, CA 96073 (530) 547-4554 www.palocedrochambers.org

#### Redding

747 Auditorium Drive Redding, CA 96001 (530) 225-4433 www.reddingchamber.com

## **Chamber of Commerce Offices**

#### SISKIYOU COUNTY

#### **Butte Valley**

111 West Third Street Dorris, CA 96025 (530) 397-3711 www.buttevalleychamber.com

#### Dunsmuir

4118 Pine Street Dunsmuir, CA 96025 www.dunsmuir.com

#### Mt. Shasta

300 Pine Street Mt. Shasta, CA 96067 (530) 926-6212 www.mtshasta.com

#### Tulelake

800 Main Street Tulelake, CA 96134 (530) 667-5312 infotulelakecalifornia.com

#### Weed

34 Main Street Weed, CA 96094 (530) 938-4624 www.weedchamber.com

#### Yreka

117 West Miner Street Yreka, CA 96097 (530) 842-1649 www.yrekachamber.com

#### Happy Camp

P.O. Box 1188
Happy Camp, CA 96039
(530) 926-0976
www.happycampnews.com/
chamberofcommerce

#### McCloud Business and Professional Chamber

205 Quincy Street McCloud, CA 96057 (530) 964-3113 (530) 964-2808 www.mcloudchamber.com

#### Montague-Shasta Valley

P.O. Box 340 Montague, CA 96064 (530) 459-5311

#### SISKIYOU COUNTY

#### Scott Valley Chapter

P.O. Box 111 Greenview, CA 96037 (530) 468-5442 www.scottvalley.org

#### The State of Jefferson Chamber

Box 521 Seiad Valley, CA 96086 (530) 496-3325 www.jeffersonstate.com

#### TEHAMA COUNTY

#### Corning

1110 Solano Street Corning, CA 96021 (530) 824-5550 www.catechnologies.com/ chamber/#

#### Red Bluff/Tehama County

100 Main Street Red Bluff, CA 96080 (530) 527-8177 (530) 527-2908 www.redbluffchamberof commerce.com

#### Tehama County

P.O. Box 850 Red Bluff, CA 96080 (530) 527-6220 rbtccofc@tehama.net

#### Red Bluff Community Center

1500 South Jackson Red Bluff, CA 96080 (530) 527-8177 (530) 527-4957 www.nmrdesign.com/6043.asp

#### TRINITY COUNTY

#### **Trinity County**

P.O. Box 517 Weaverville, CA 96093 (530) 623-6101 www.trinitycounty.com



# Caltrans, District 2 Park and Ride Locations



Lot ID	County	Rte	Post Mile	Lot Name	Operator	Vehicle Spaces	Bike Lockers	
1	Lassen	395	52.6	Janesville	State	30	No	
2	Siskiyou	89	34.3	Mt. Shasta	State	20	No	
3	Tehama	5	41.5	Cottonwood	State/Co.	19	No	
4	Shasta	89/299	21.6	Burney	USFS	10	No	
(5)	Shasta	273	11.8	Clear Creek	County	13	Yes	
6	Shasta	44	7.0	Deschutes	State	20	Yes	
7	Plumas	70/89	66.6	Blairsden	State	15	No	
8	Shasta	44	24.8	Black Butte	State	12	No	
9	Shasta	44	31.7	Shingletown	State	14	No	
100	Trinity	299	67.4	Lewiston	State/Co.	12	No	

Rest Stops and Vista Locations							
Rest Stop				Vista			
# Name 1 Bogard 2 Collier 3 Helmick 4 Moon Lim Lee 5 Grass Lake 6 Hillcrest 7 Honey Lake 8 Lake Almanor 9 Lakehead 10 Davis 11 Massack 12 O'Brien 13 Miles NB 14 Miles SB 15 Secret Valley 16 Shingletown 17 Weed Airport 18 Salyer	Post Mile 14.5 58.6 10.3 56.9 21.8 60.6 49.6 12.8 43.1 79.1 49.8 31.1 34.7 34.7 96.5 34.7 25.6 3.6	Route 44 5 5 299 97 299 395 36 5 70 70 5 5 395 44 5 299	County LAS SIS TEH TRIS AS LAS PLU A PLU A PLU A TEH TEH SIS TRI T	# Name 1 Cedar Canyon 2 Eagle Lake 3 Panoramic 4 Grass Lake 5 Hatchet Mtn. 6 Pit River 7 Shasta Dam 8 Trinity Lake 9 North Shore 10 Yreka 11 Klamath 12 Bartle/McCloud 13 Goose Lake 14 Cedar Pass 15 Whiskeytown 16 So. Fork Mtn. 17 Battle Creek 18 Lake Almanor 19 Rich Bar 20 Cedarville 21 Castella	Post Mile 52.0 23.0 57.5 19.1 69.7 89.6 1.5 37.9 62.8 52.0 8.8 15.4 52.1 50.3 16.5 9.2 72.6 0.4 19.1 54.9 62.5	Route 299 139 44 97 299 299 151 3 5 161 89 395 299 299 36 36 44 70 299 5	COUNTY MOD LAS SHA SIS SHA SHA SHA TRI SIS SIS MOD MOD SHA TEH PLU MOD SHA

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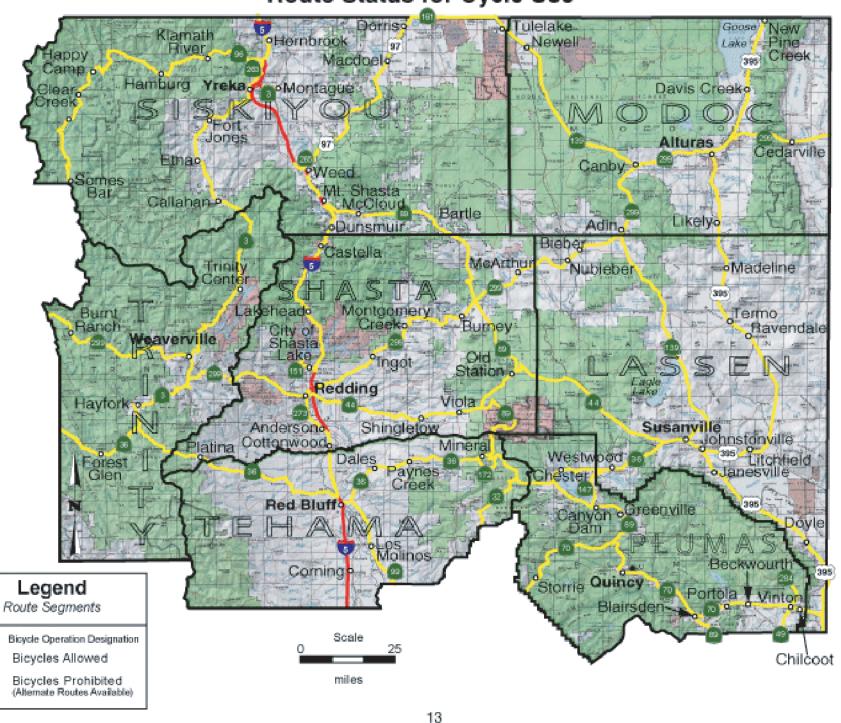




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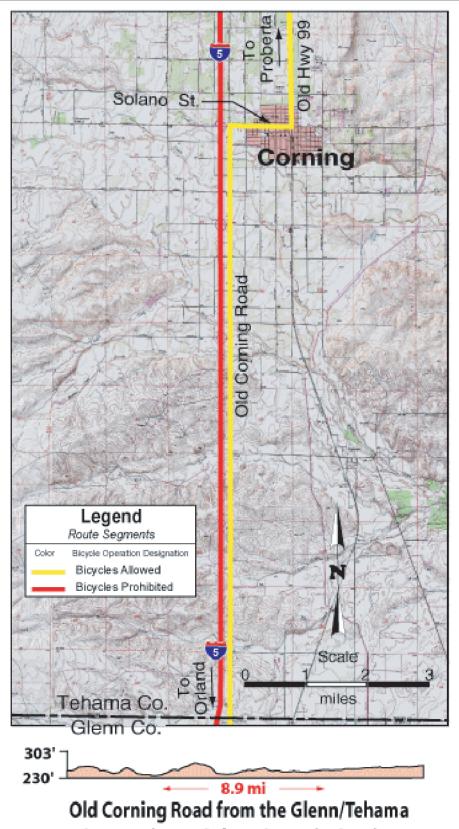


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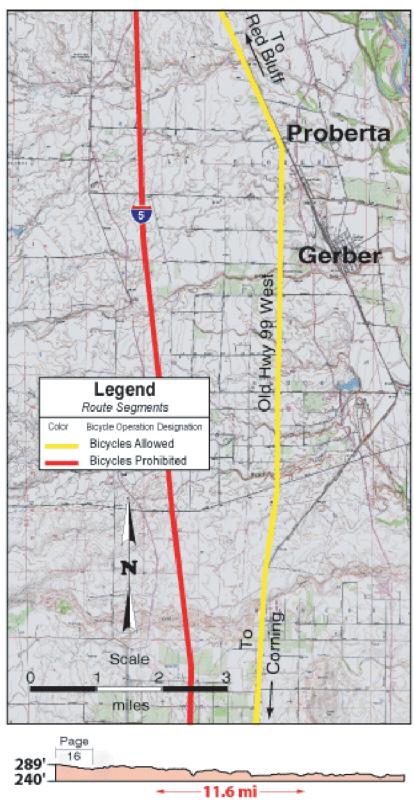


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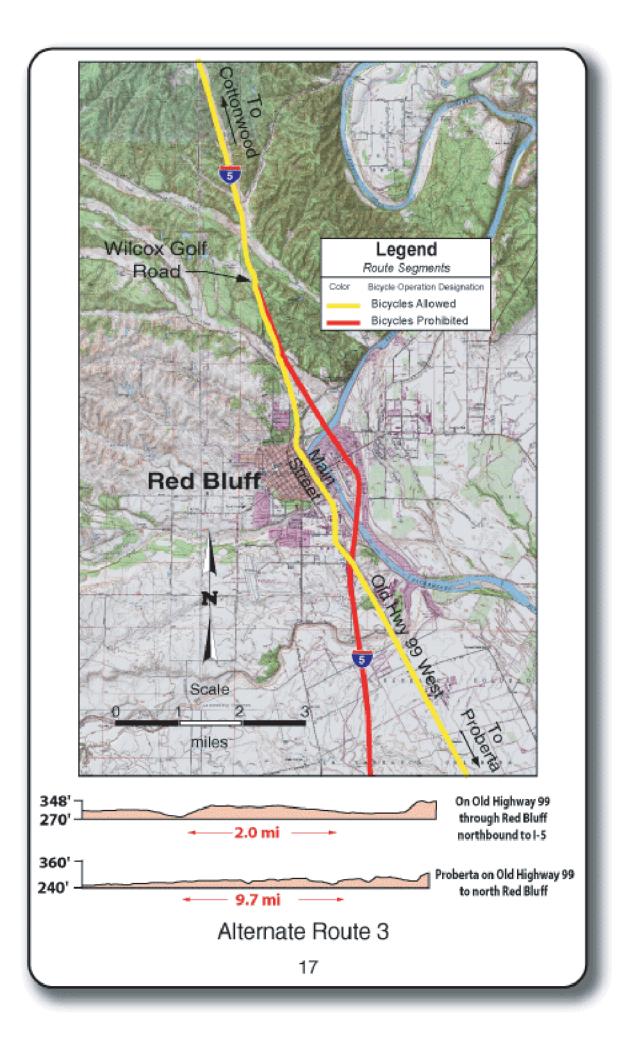
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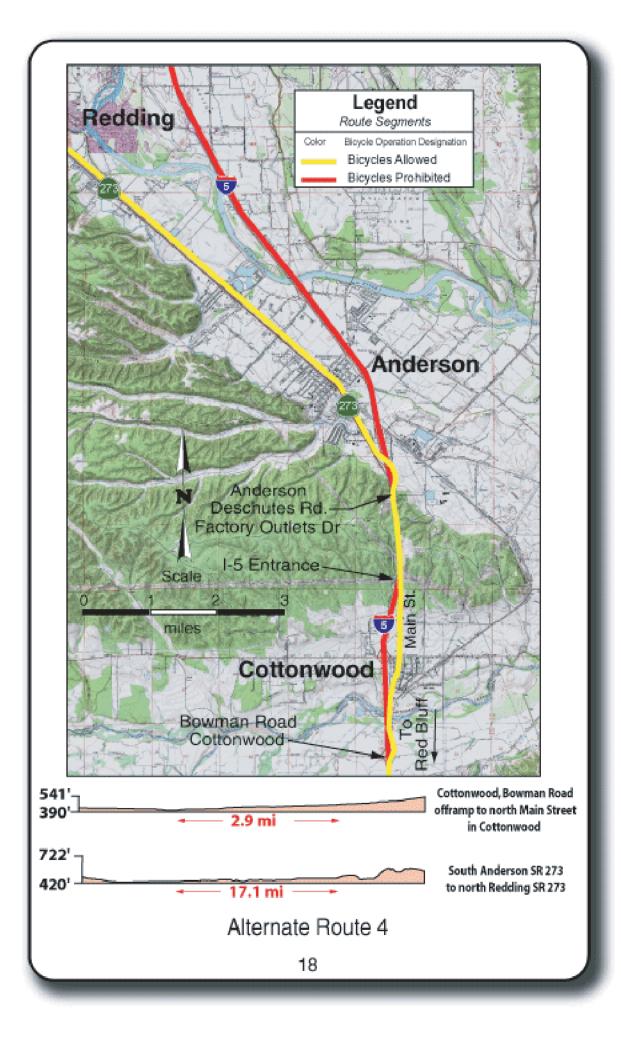


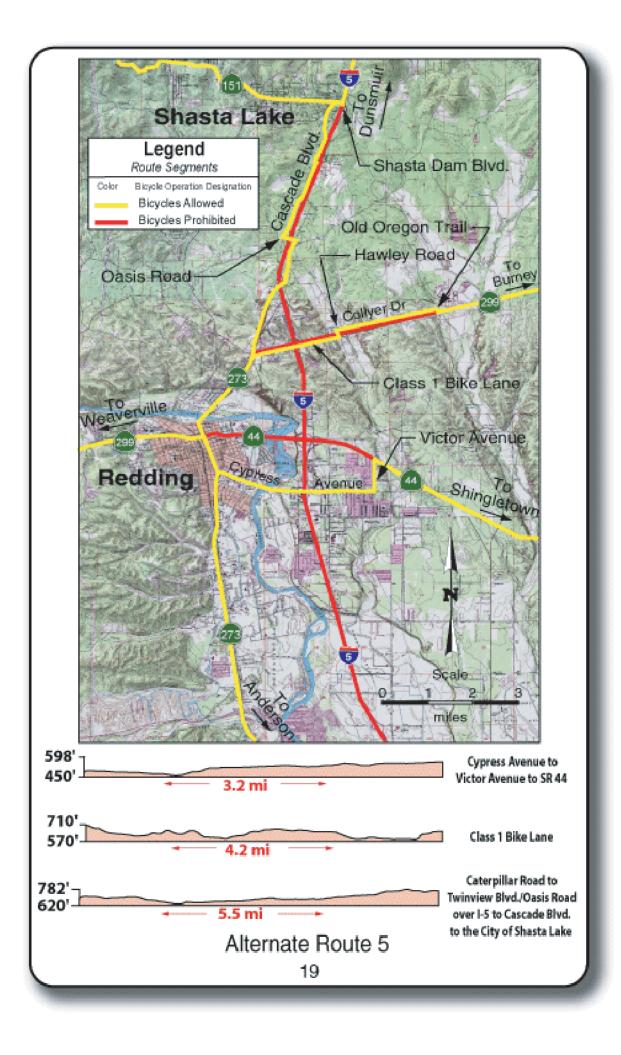
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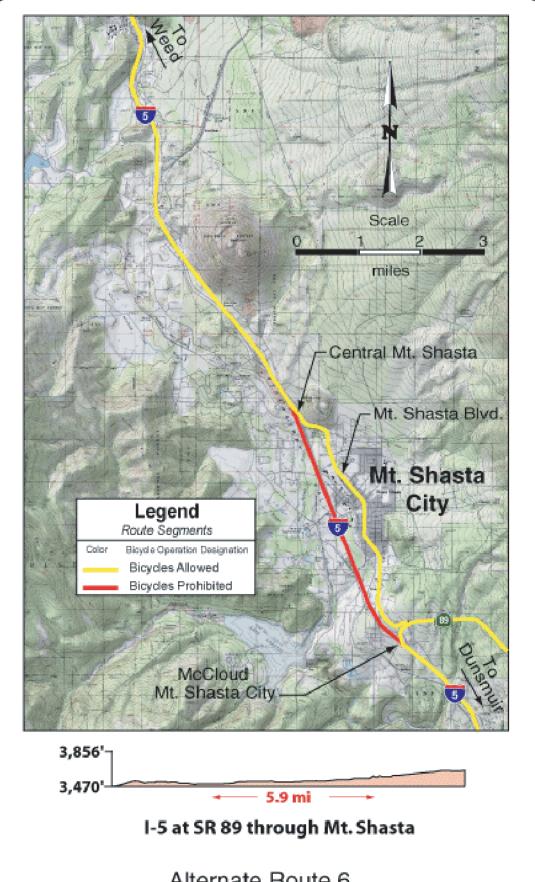


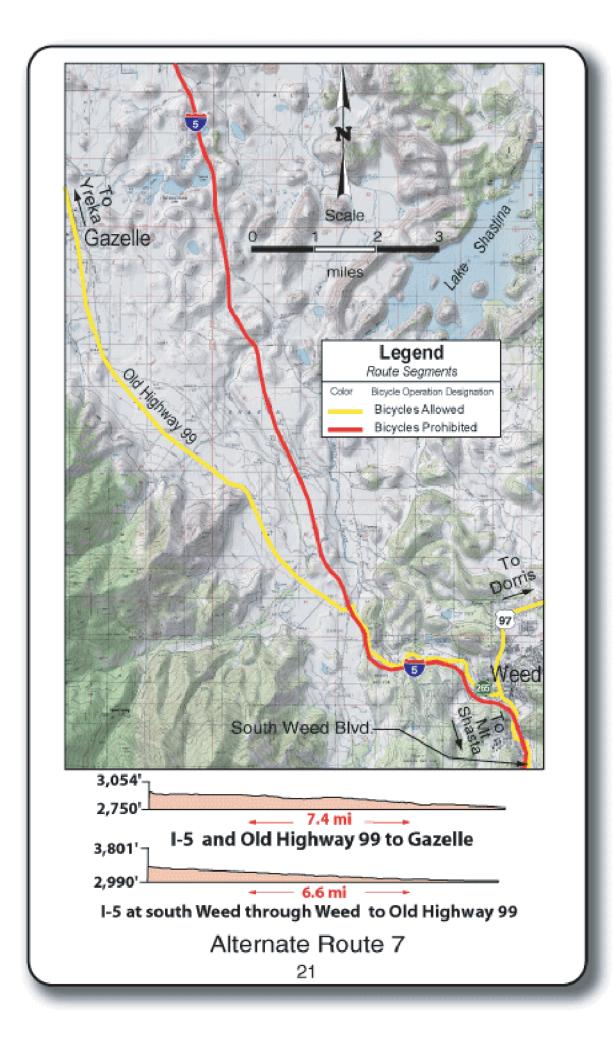
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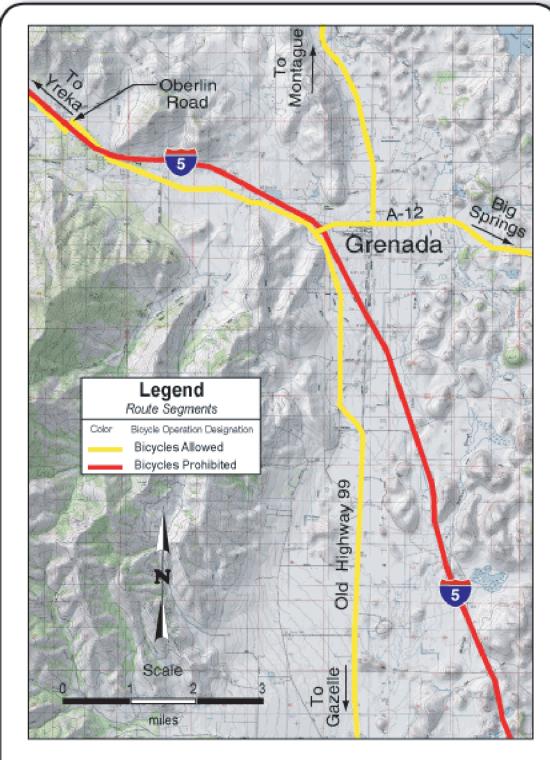


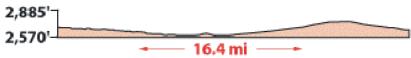




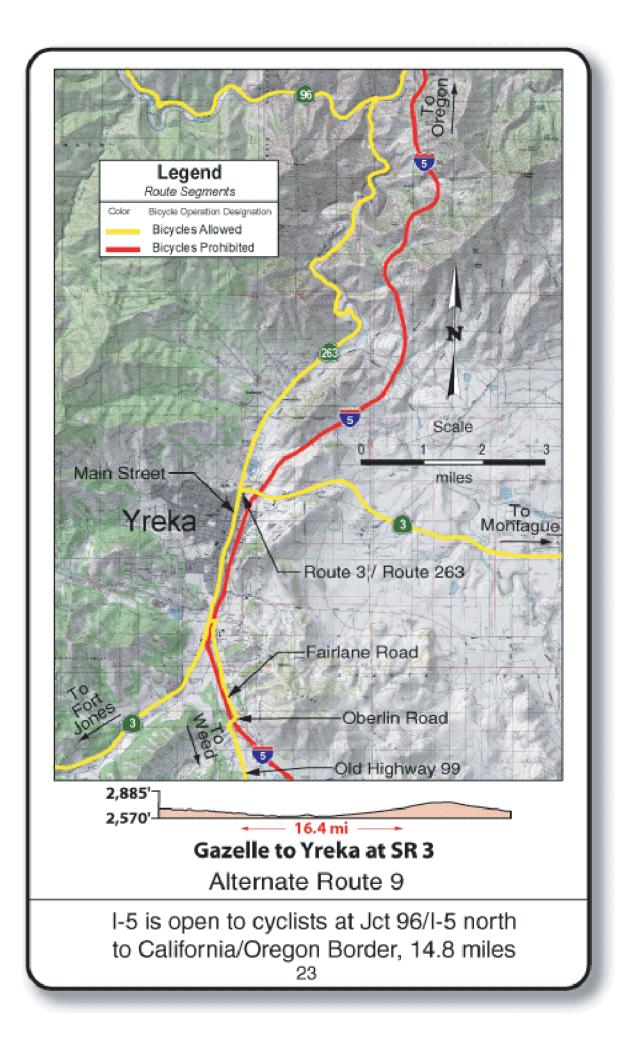








Gazelle to Yreka at SR 3



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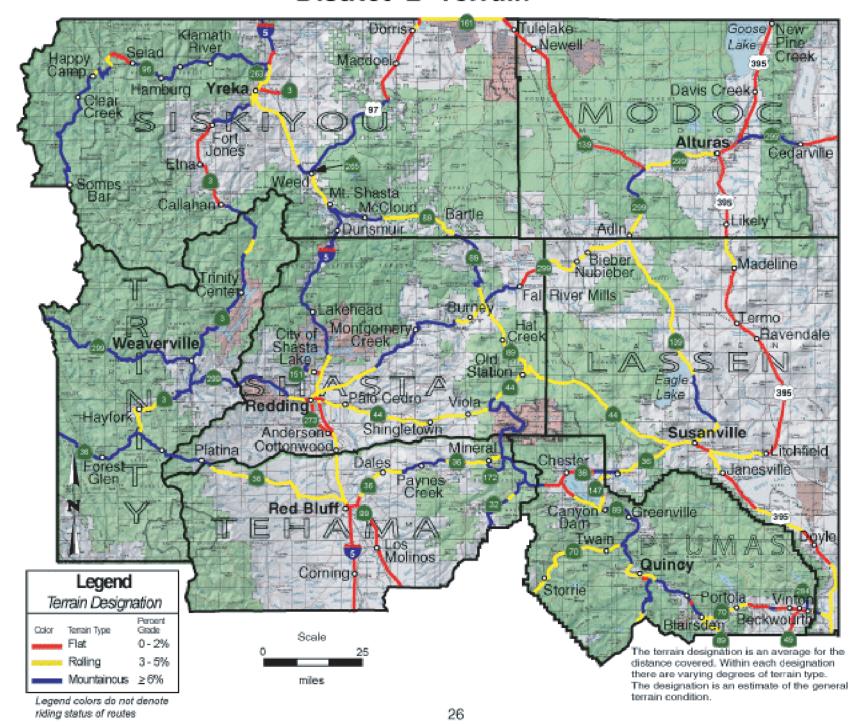


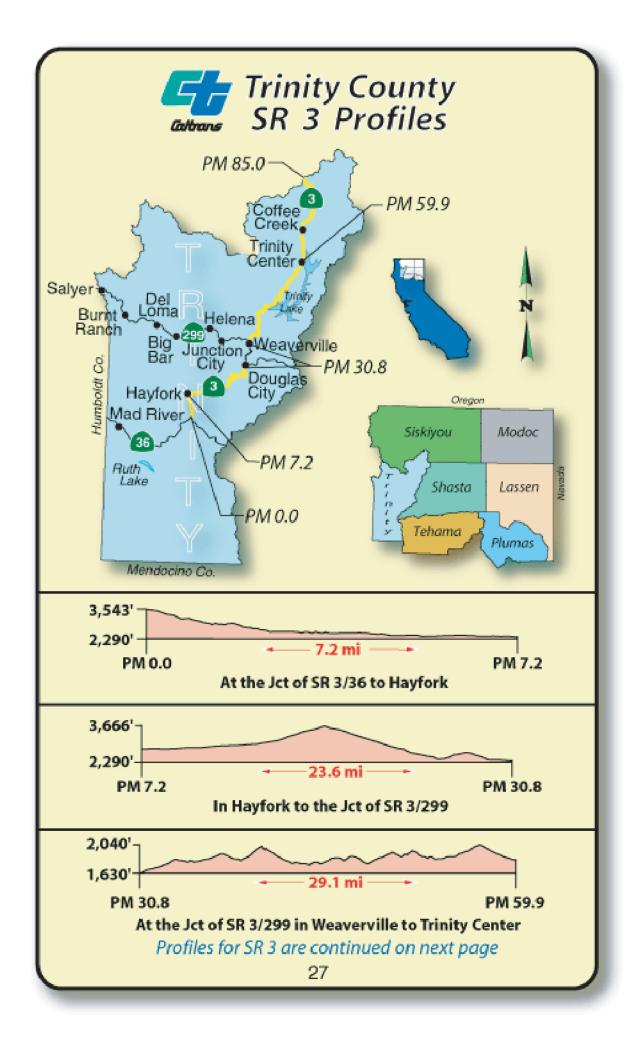


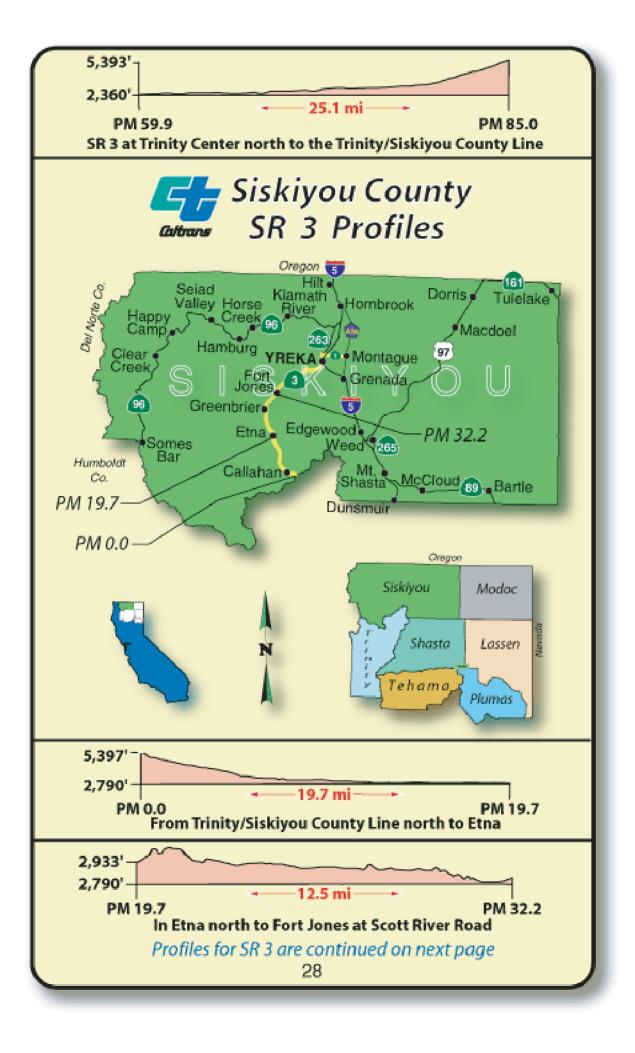
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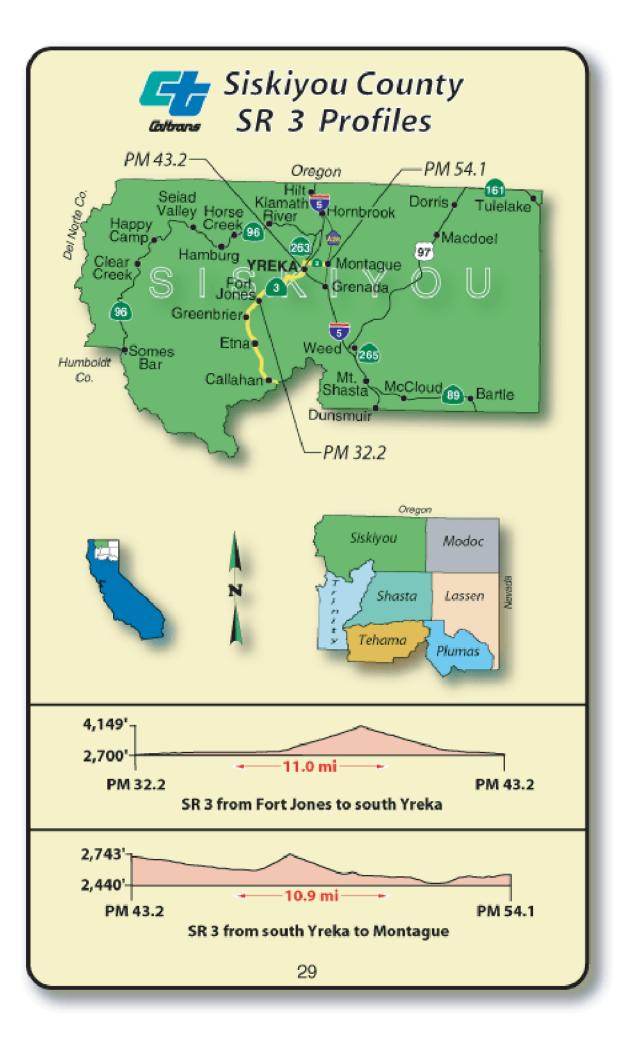


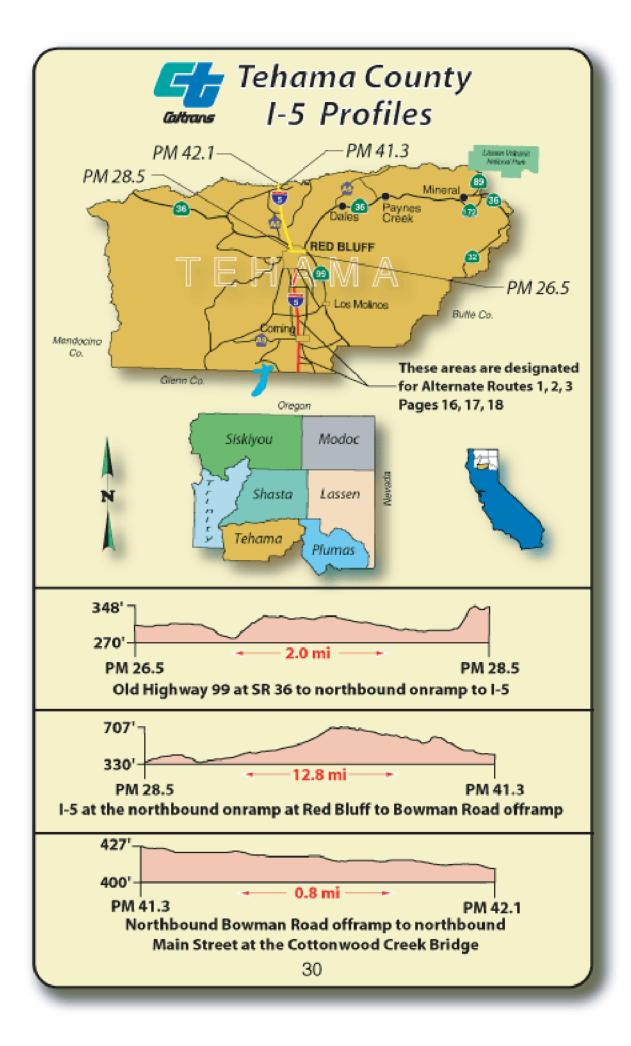
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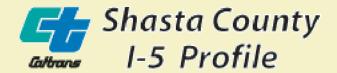


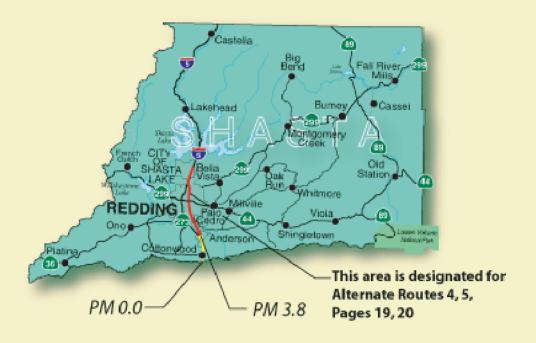








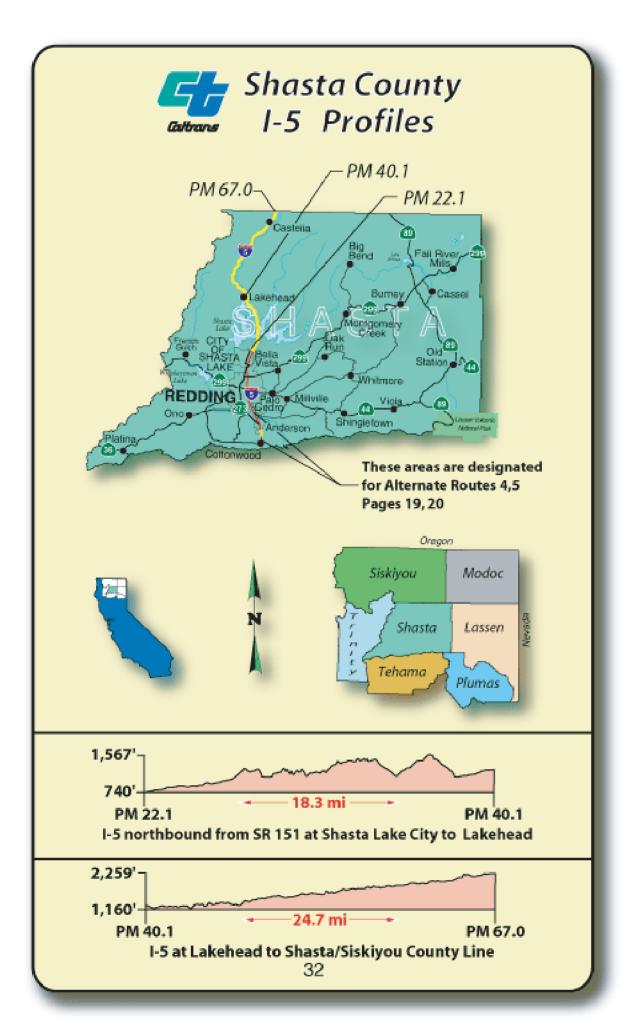


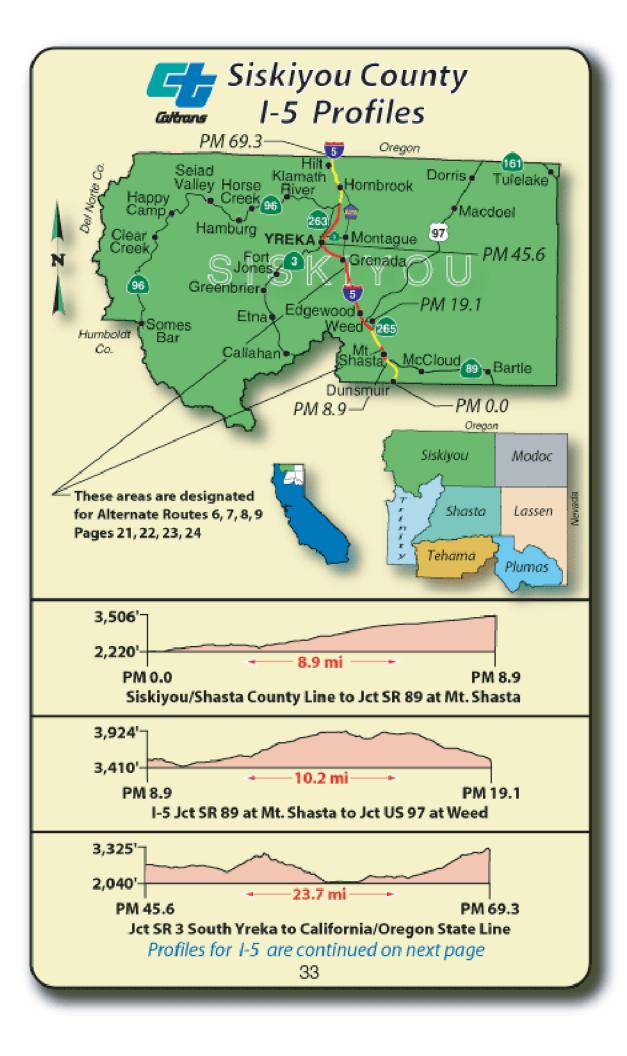


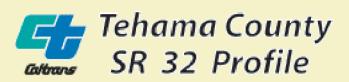




At the Tehama/Shasta County Line at the Cottonwood Creek Bridge on Main Street in Cottonwood north on Main Street to the northbound onramp to I-5 north to the Anderson, Deschutes Road, Factory Outlets Drive offramp

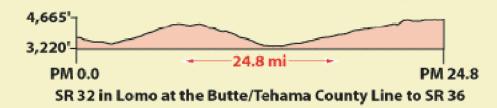




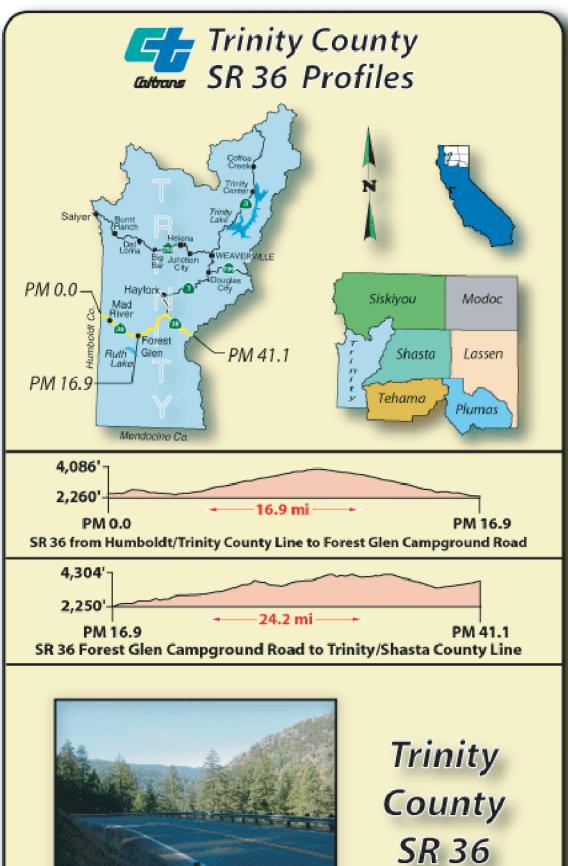


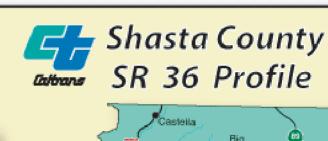




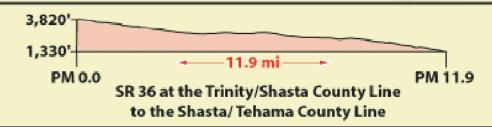






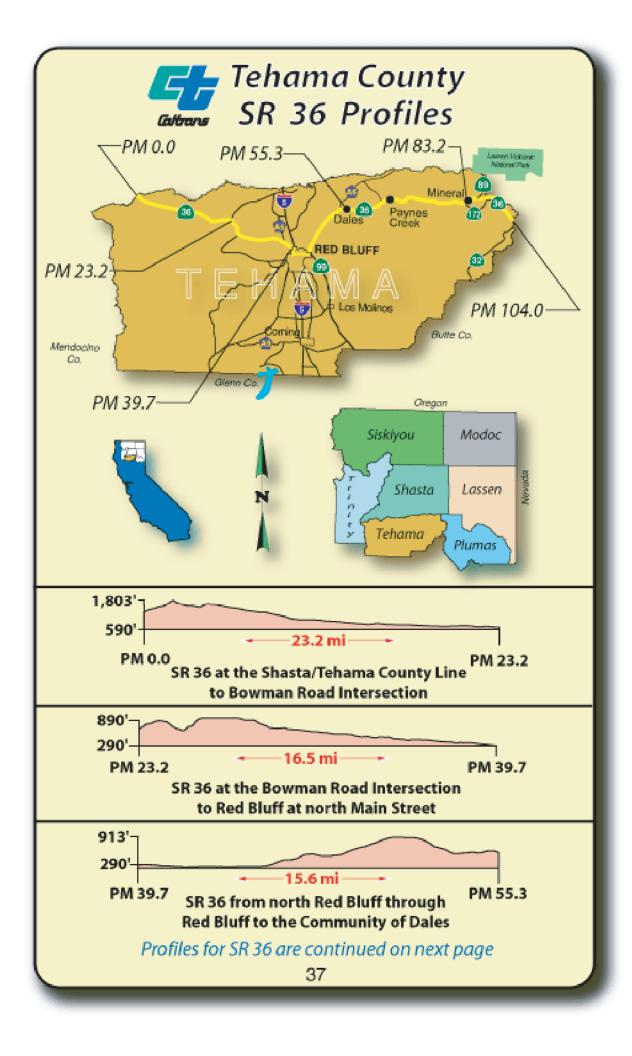


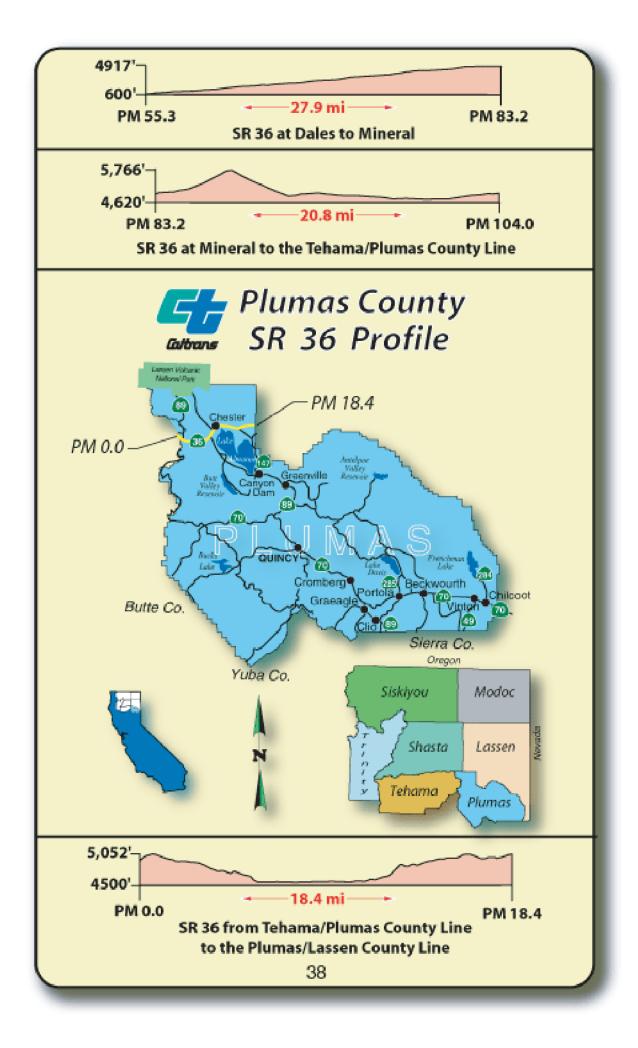






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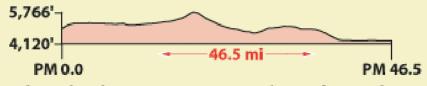


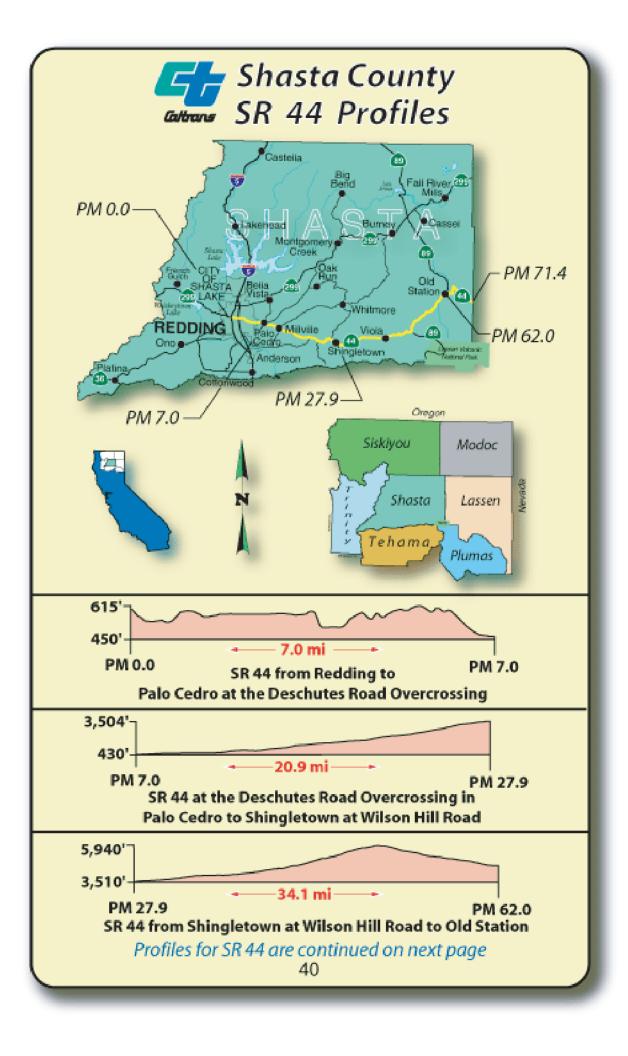








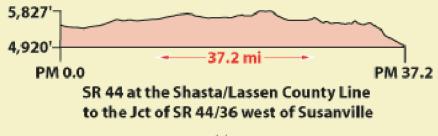


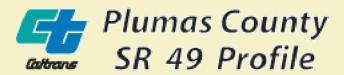




## Lassen County SR 44 Profile





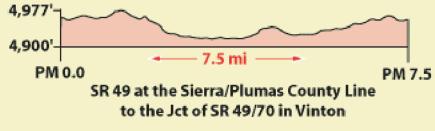


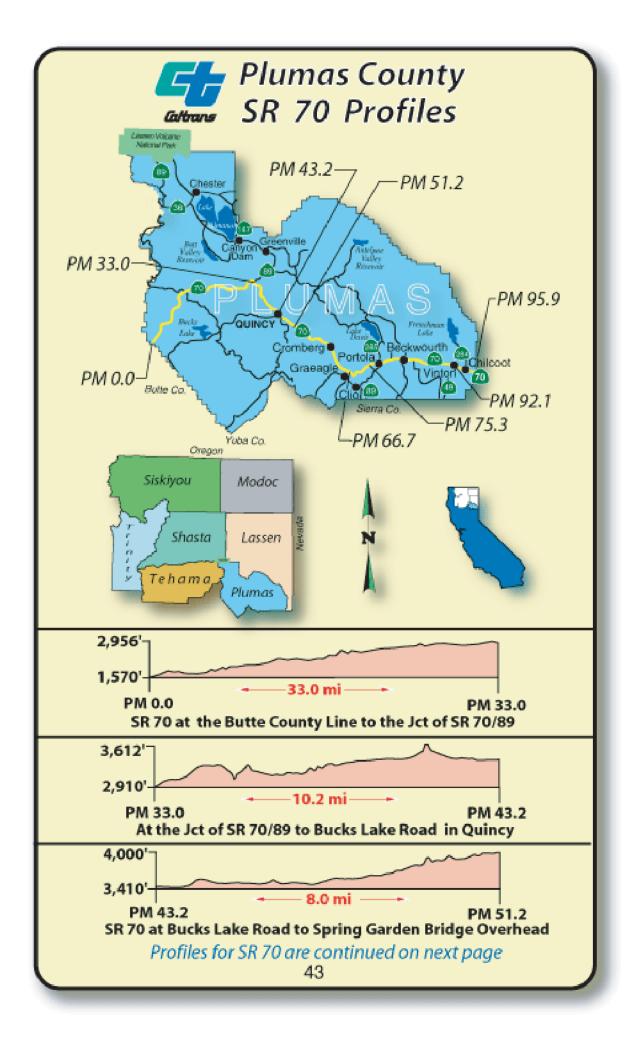


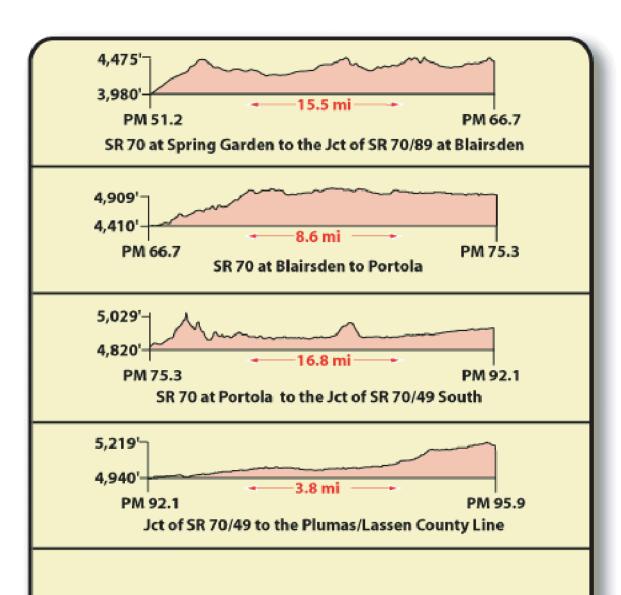


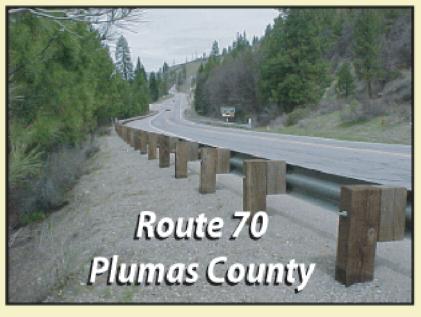


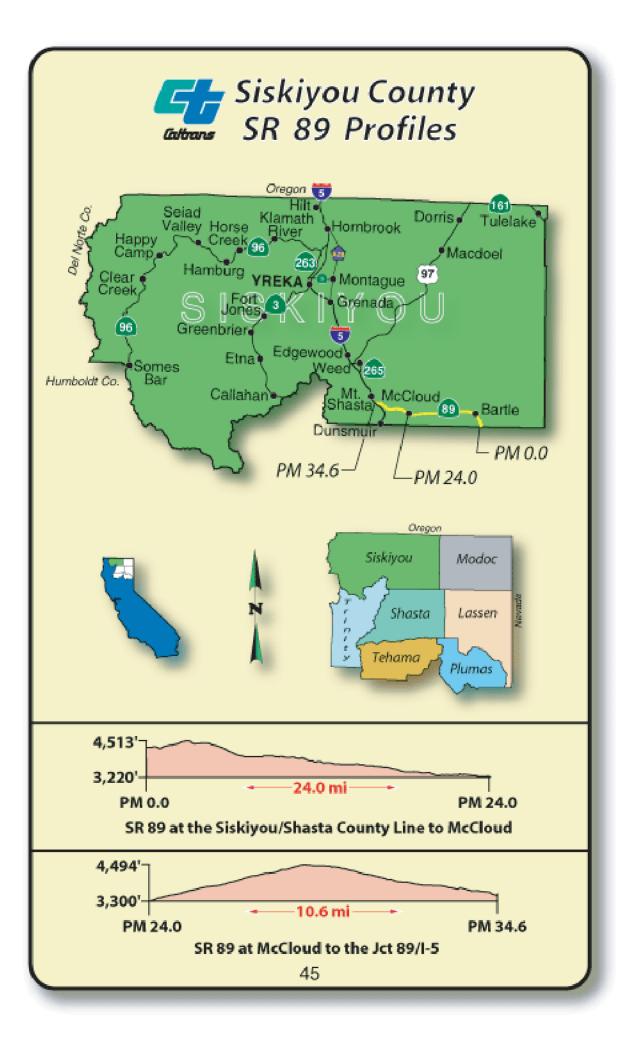












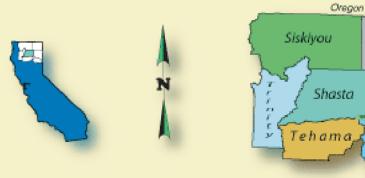




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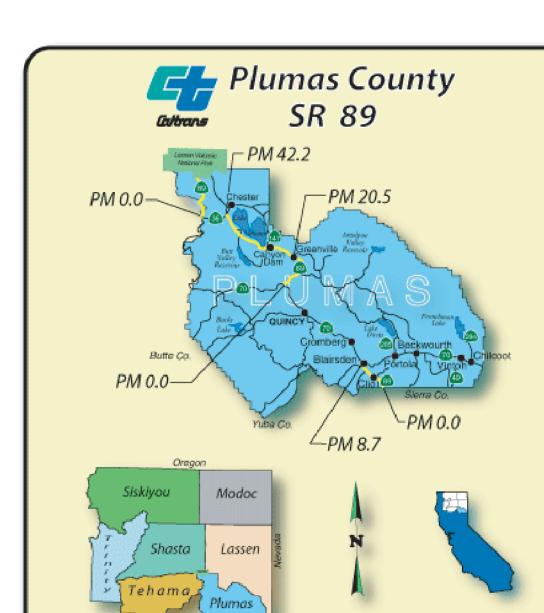




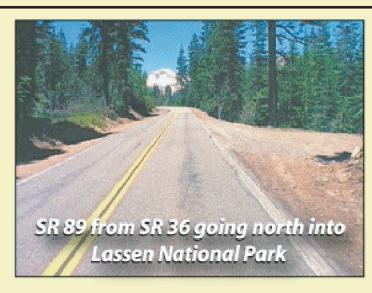
SR 89 at Old Station to the Jct of SR 89/299



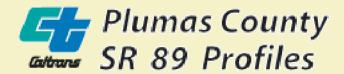
SR 89 at the Jct of SR 89/299 to the Shasta/Siskiyou County Line

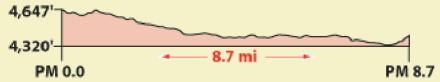


Profiles for SR 89 are on next page



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SR 89 at the Sierra/Plumas County Line to the Jct of SR 89/70 at Blairsden

From the Jct of SR 89/70 at Blairsden to the Jct of SR 70/89, refer to the profiles on SR 70



At the Jct of SR 70/89 at the Greenville Wye to Main Street in Greenville



From the Jct of SR 89/36 near Chester to the Jct of SR 36/89, refer to the profiles on SR 36

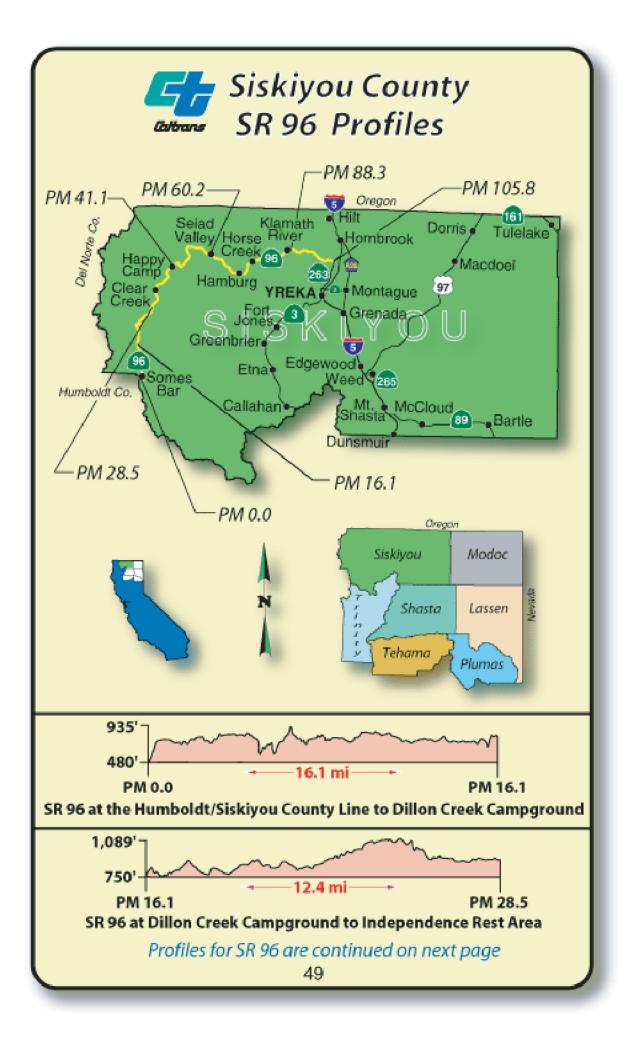
The following profiles for Lassen Volcanic National Park Road are courtesy of this Guide

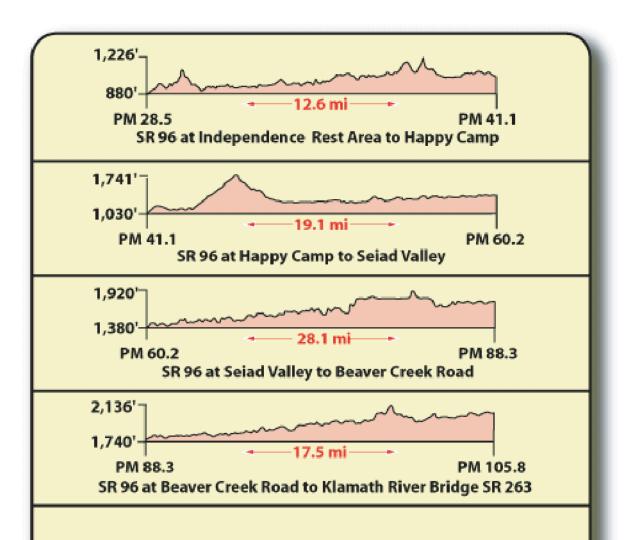


SR 36/89 near Morgan Summit to Lassen National Park at Lassen Peak parking lot



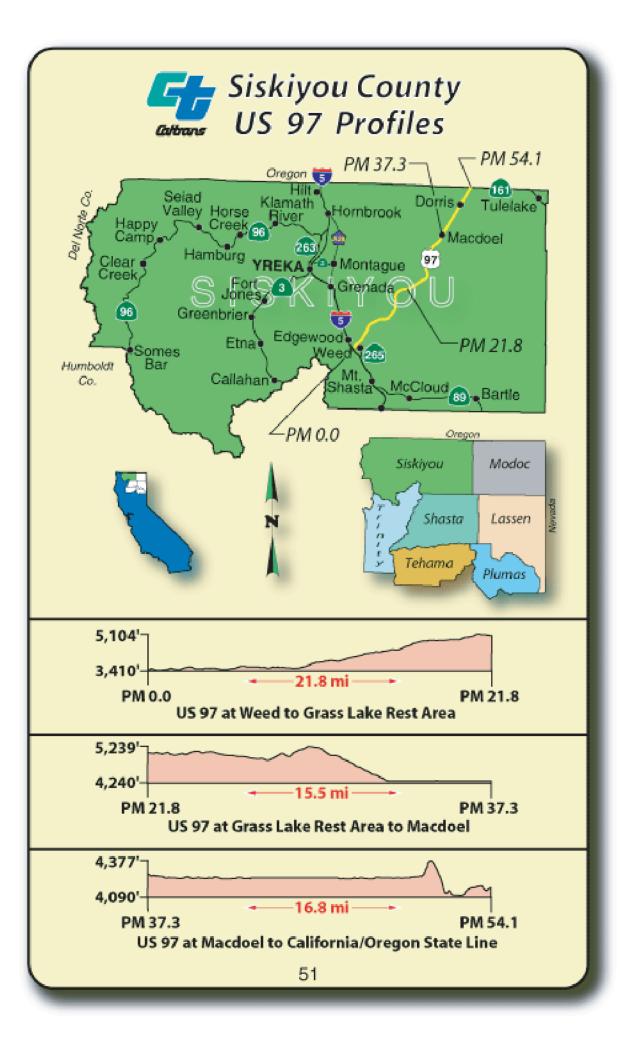
SR 89 at Lassen Peak parking lot to the Jct of SR 89/44





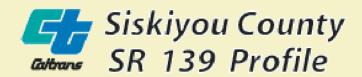


Siskiyou SR 96 near Klamath River



## 🗲 Tehama County SR 99 Profile Retiren Vostans: Nedoral Plak Mineral\_ RED BLUFF Los Molinos PM 24.9 Mendocino Co. PM 0.0 Oregon Siskiyou Modoc Shasta Lassen Tehama Plumas Tehama 99 277'-190' 24.9 mi PM 0.0 At the Butte/Tehama County line to the Jct of SR 99/36

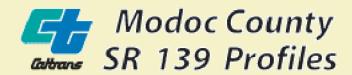
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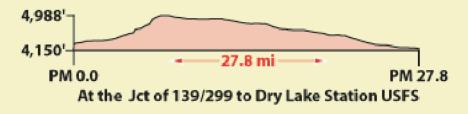




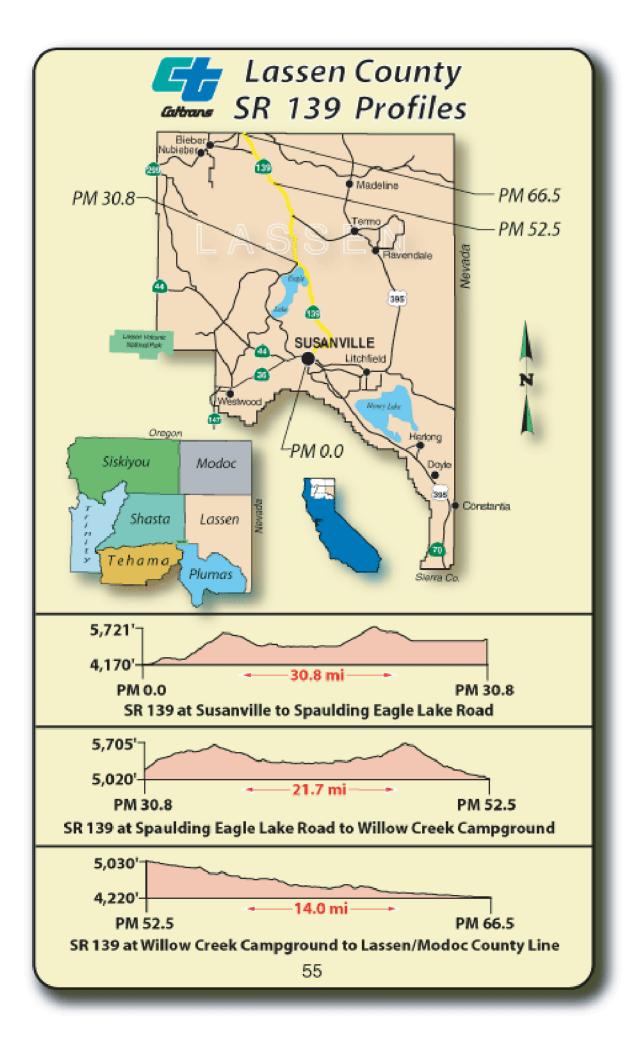


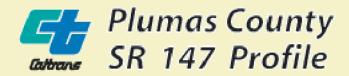






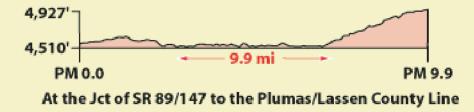






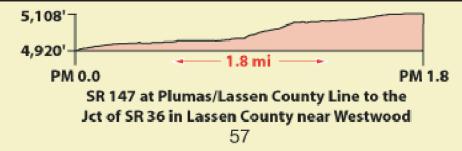






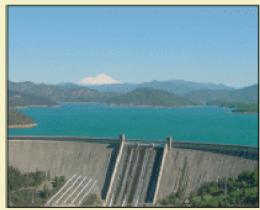










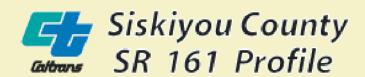


## The Three Shastas

Mt. Shasta Lake Shasta Shasta Dam

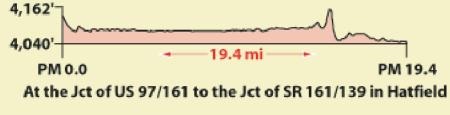


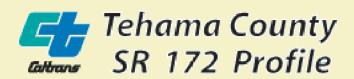
SR 151 at Shasta Dam to Shasta Lake City and I-5







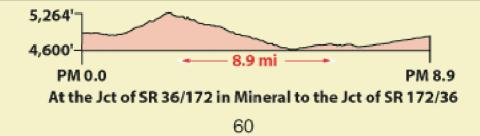


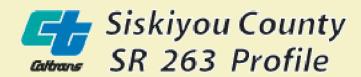


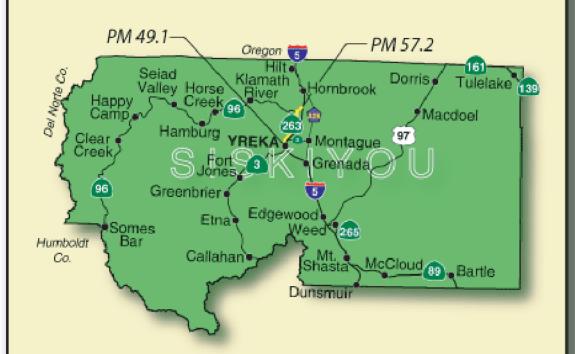




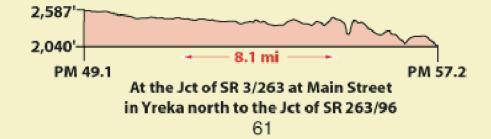


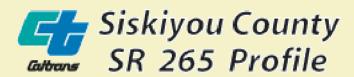


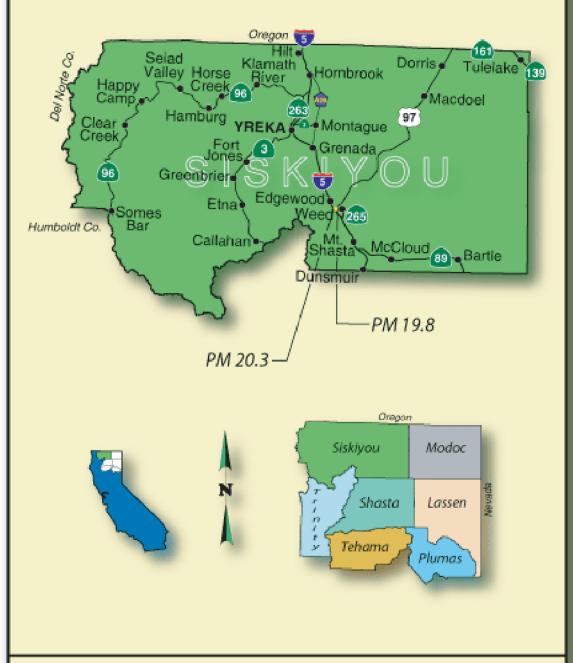


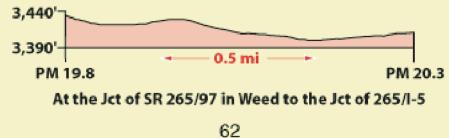


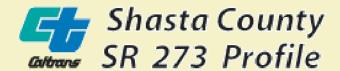










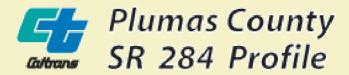








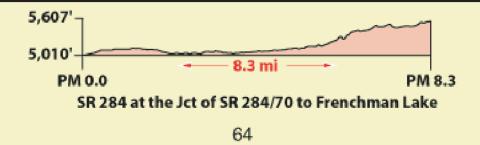
SR 273 at south Anderson to the Jct of SR 273/I-5 separation to Jct I-5 northbound onramp, north Redding

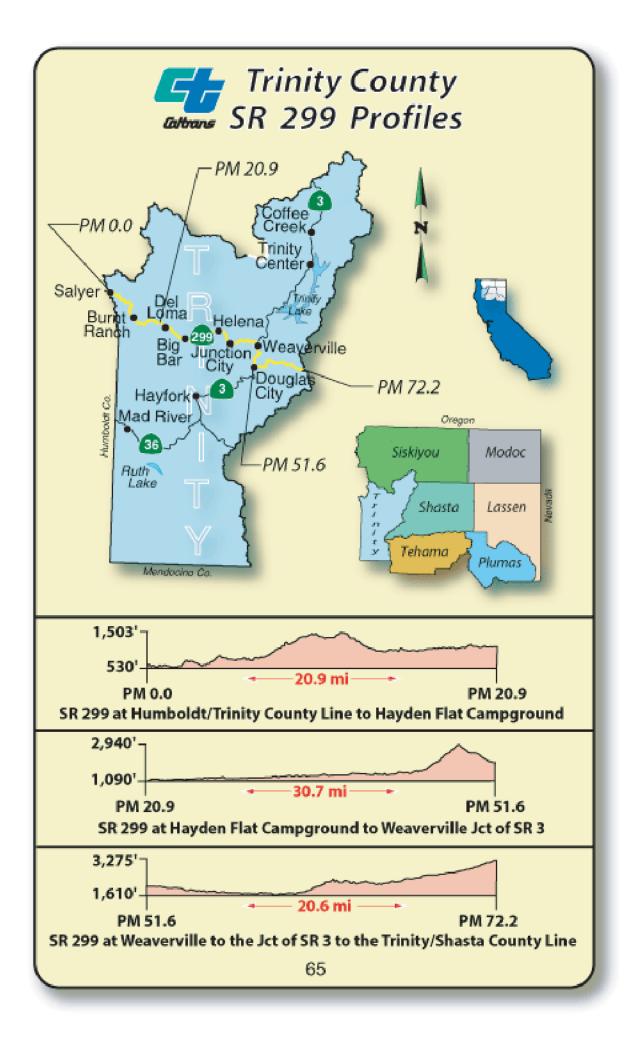








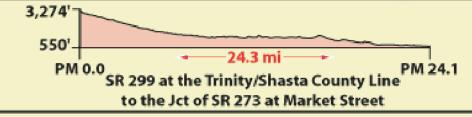








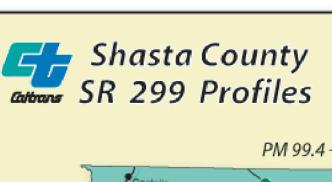






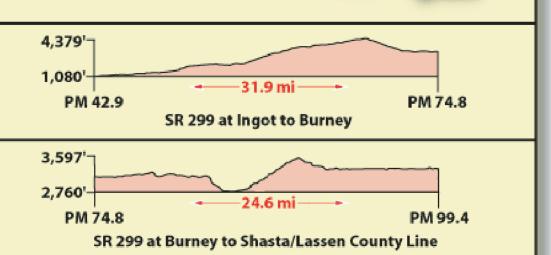
The Jct of SR 273/299 at Market Street to SR 299 at Lake Blvd.











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